CHAPTER 15
YOU ARE HERE

BAMBI and DHOLE
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SO YOU LIKE THIS GUY?
AH...
YUKI
THERE RE A FEW THINGS I D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT DO YOU HAVE TIME?
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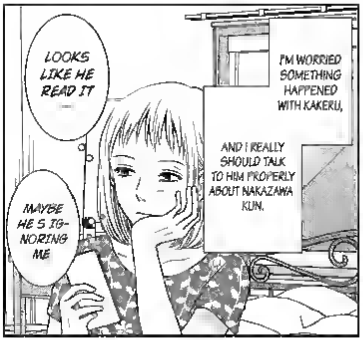
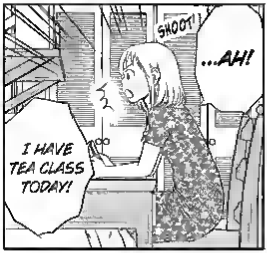
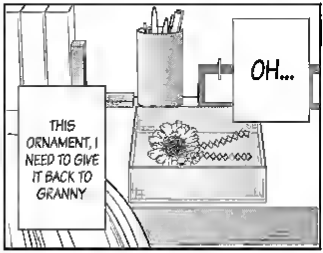

LOOKS LIKE HE READ IT
MAYBE HE'S IGNORING ME
I'M WORRIED SOMETHING HAPPENED WITH KAKERU,
AND I REALLY SHOULD TALK TO HIM PROPERLY ABOUT NAKAZAWA KUN.

SORRY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ANYMORE.


I HAVE TEA CLASS TODAY!
SHOO!
...AH!


THIS ORNAMENT, I NEED TO GIVE IT BACK TO GRANNY
OH...

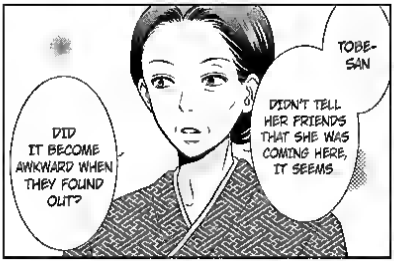
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FACE NAKAZAWA-KUN RIGHT NOW.
BUT...

MAYBE SHE HAS DAYS WHERE SHE JUST DOESN'T FEEL LIKE IT
EVERYBODY'S GONE HOME
I WONDER WHY DIDN'T SHE COME?
THIS IS UNUSUAL OF TOBE-SAN
I LIKE THE WAY YOU CASUALLY DISMISSED MY SUGGESTION THAT SHE JUST MIGHT NOT WANT TO COME ANYMORE.
NICE OPTIMISM.
DON'T EAT!
I WONDER IF SOMETHING HAPPENED AT SCHOOL.
BESTIES? QUIT TALKING LIKE THAT. IT'S GROSS.
OF COURSE, BECAUSE TOBE-SAN AND I ARE BESTIES
I REALLY,
REALLY LOVE AKARI...

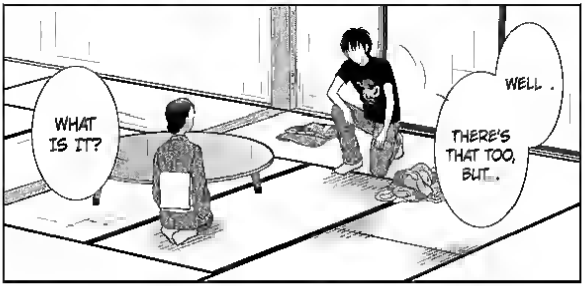
IT MAY BE MY FAULT,
THAT THINGS GOT AWKWARD BETWEEN HER AND HER FRIEND
DON'T BEAT AROUND THE BUSH.
SEE WHAT?
OH PLEASE IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE AN INNOCENT LITTLE BOY ANYMORE
HM?
AHH...
HMM!
HMM!
I SEE...

RAICHI, GO PLAY IN THE OTHER ROOM WITH FUNAKOSHI
WE ARE HAVING AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION
IT'S YOU.
INNOCENT

WHAT'S "INNOCENT"?


DID IT BECOME AWKWARD WHEN THEY FOUND OUT?
TOBE-SAN DIDN'T TELL HER FRIENDS THAT SHE WAS COMING HERE, IT SEEMS

TROT
TROT
OKAAA!


WHAT IS IT?
WELL . THERE'S THAT TOO, BUT..

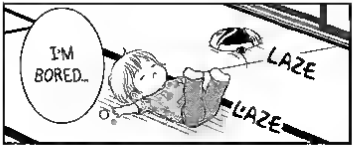
WHY? WELL THAT'S BECAUSE IT WAS THE ONLY ONE WE HAD
LIAR YOU HELP A LOT OF PEOPLE WITH DRESSING IN THEIR GARMENTS SO WE HAVE A TON.

...TELL ME.
WHY DID YOU LEND HER THAT HAIR ORNAMENT?

DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD CARE MORE ABOUT YOUR OWN HAPPINESS?
...YOU KNOW, YOU'RE STILL A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.

IT'S BEEN...
3 YEARS ALREADY.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS, BUT...
DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE BEST TO MOVE FORWARD NOW?
LEAVE ME ALONE
THAT'S FOR ME TO DECIDE.
WRONG!
UNTIL YOU BECOME AN ADULT, YOU ARE MY RESPONSIBILITY.
SINCE THE DAY I PICKED YOU UP, BOTH YOU AND RAICHI, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN PUTTING YOUR HAPPINESS AS MY TOP PRIORITY.
YOU'RE A MINOR RAISING A CHILD, AND YOU HAVE THIS CHILD'S LIFE TO THINK ABOUT.
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY THINK THAT ALL YOUR DECISIONS ARE YOURS ALONE TO MAKE


I'M BORED..
LAZE
LAZE

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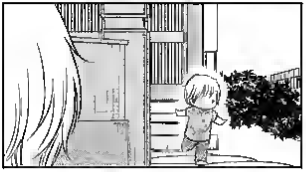
PEEK...

STAND

STARTLE!
HELLO!



HUH? OH...
HELLO.
BADUMP!
BADUMP!

...WHY DID I END UP HERE AGAIN..
I LOOK LIKE A STALKER.

WANNA PLAY?
WHAT...
I'M BROAD
BRO... DO YOU MEAN BORED?
YES BROAD
...!
SAY, AREN'T YOU SCARED OF ME?
NAH, 'CAUSE YOU DRESS LIKE DADA
DRESS ...?
OHH... THE SCHOOL UNIFORM...

MISTER, ARE THERE DRAGONFLIES IN THE PARC?
DOES FUNAKOSHI EAT DRAGON-FLIES?
…?????
MISTER, CATCH ME DRAGON-FLIES.
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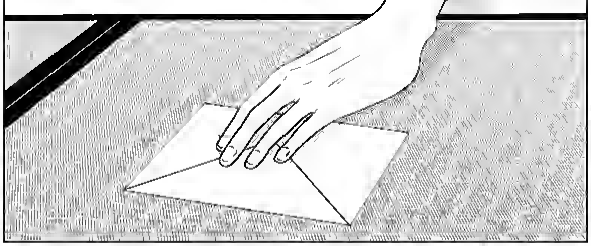

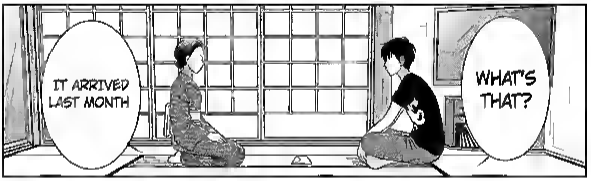
IT ARRIVED LAST MONTH
WHAT'S THAT?

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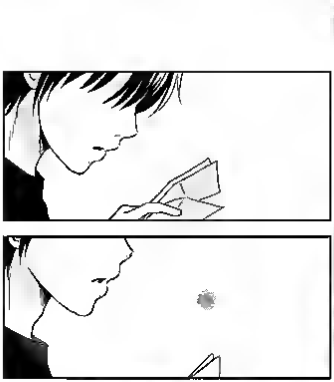
SAT-CHAN'S PARENTS...
TAKING YOUR FEELINGS INTO CONSIDERATION, I FELT THAT I COULDN'T GIVE IT TO YOU BEFORE, BUT NOW
OUNO SUISHI YOUSHI


...WHY NOW ..
IT'S ADDRESSED TO YOU.
YOU SHOULD READ IT YOURSELF

RAICHI...
RAICHI...

ガラッ!!
RAICHI!!
WHERE'S RAICHI...?

RESULT

NING BACK CUSTODY

EASE THINK ABOUT IT

THINKING OF THE FUTURE

DNA ANALYSIS HAS

FOLLOWING THE RESULT, AS EXP

BACK CUSTODY

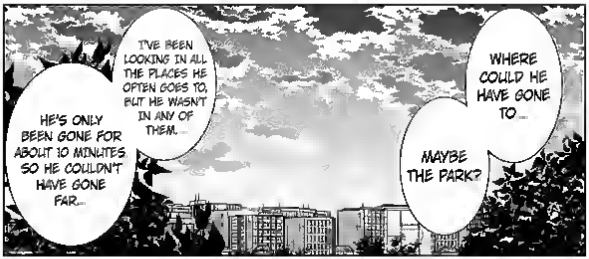
...HEY,
WHEN YOU SAY DADA, YOU MEAN DADDY, RIGHT?

AW MAN, NO DRAGONFLIES AT THE PARC

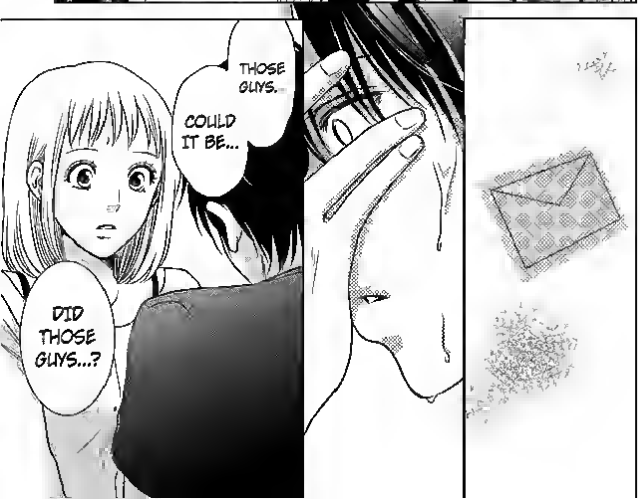
YEAH,
RAICHI'S DADDY

IS HE REALLY YOUR DAD?
THERE ARE...
FALSE DADAS?
.....
ERRRR..
RAICHI!!
NAKAZAWA-KUN?

HUFF!
I CAME TO GIVE THIS BACK...
HAVE YOU SEEN RAICHI?
WHAT...?
RAICHI-KUN?
WHAT?!
WHAT ABOUT GRANNY ?!
SHE'S LOOKING AROUND THE HOUSE
HUFF!
I HAVEN'T WHAT'S GOING ON?
HE'S MISSING.


WHERE COULD HE HAVE GONE TO...
MAYBE THE PARK?
I'VE BEEN LOOKING IN ALL THE PLACES HE OFTEN GOES TO, BUT HE WASN'T IN ANY OF THEM...
HE'S ONLY BEEN GONE FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES SO HE COULDN'T HAVE GONE FAR...

I'M SO STUPID...
I THOUGHT HE WAS IN THE ROOM NEXT DOOR THE WHOLE TIME
CALM DOWN, NAKAZAWA-KUN


THOSE GUYS...
COULD IT BE...
DID THOSE GUYS...?

WAIT!
I WILL LOOK FOR HIM!
RAICHI...
...RAICHI!
YOU...
I'M MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAN YOU ARE, SO YOU SHOULD GO HOME, NAKAZAWA-KUN!
BECAUSE RAICHI-KUN MAY COME BACK, OR HE COULD FIND A WAY TO PHONE HOME!

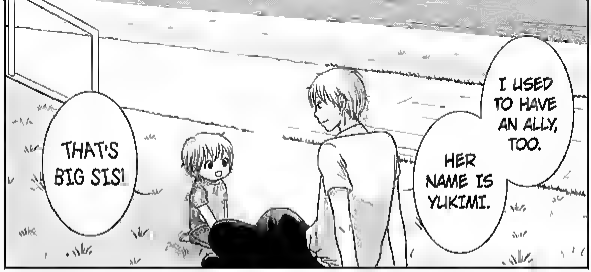
NAKAZAWA-KUN!
BUT...
WHAT IF HE DOESN'T COME HOME...

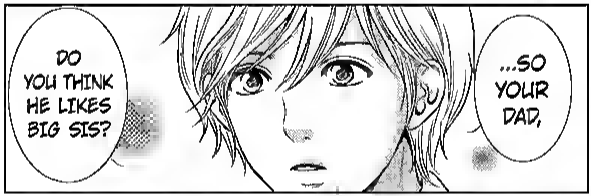
YOU'RE A FATHER, AREN'T YOU?!
HOLD IT TOGE-THER!
THE ONLY PLACE RAI-CHI CAN GO HOME TO IS WHERE YOU ARE!

WHY AM I DOING THIS...?
GO FOR IT, BIG BROTHER!
ARGH... IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!!!
THUD!
DO YOU LIKE YOUR DAD?
...SAY,
I HATE HIM.
YOU DON'T LIKE YOUR DADDY?
WHY?
I LOVE HIM!
YOU DO...

IT WAS WHEN I WAS ABOUT YOUR AGE,
MY NEW MOM DIDN'T LIKE ME, SO I WAS TOSSED OUT.
TOSS OUT?
HE TOSSED ME OUT THEN PICKED ME BACK UP AS HE PLEASED.
THAT'S BECAUSE...
BUT EVEN THOUGH WE WENT THROUGH THE TROUBLE TO BRING ME BACK, IT SEEMS I'M GOING TO BE DRIVEN OUT BY YET ANOTHER PERSON WHO THINKS OF ME AS A BOTHER.
BUT THEN HE SPLIT UP WITH THAT MOM, AND SO HE CAME TO PICK ME BACK UP.
EVERYTHING IS IMPORTANT
DADA SAID,
I'M NOT SURE IF YOU UNDERSTAND ME, DO YOU? IT'S A COMPLICATED STORY...

T/N: DAIKON IS SOME KIND OF RADISH VERY COMMON IN JAPAN AND USED IN MANY DISHES.
IS THAT SO?
YOU KNOW, RAICHI HATES TOMATOES
HA HA HA!
SO I'M A DAIKON'S* LEAF, AM I?
EVEN THE LEAF OF THE DAIKON YOU SHOULDN'T THROW IT OUT HE SAYS
HE SAYS THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THE TOMATOES MUST BE CRYING
BUT IF I DON'T EAT THEM, DADA GETS ANGRY AT ME
DADA SAYS HE'S RAICHI'S ALLY
I'VE BEEN LEARNING A LOT THANKS TO YOU.
RIGHT?
THAT'S GOOD.

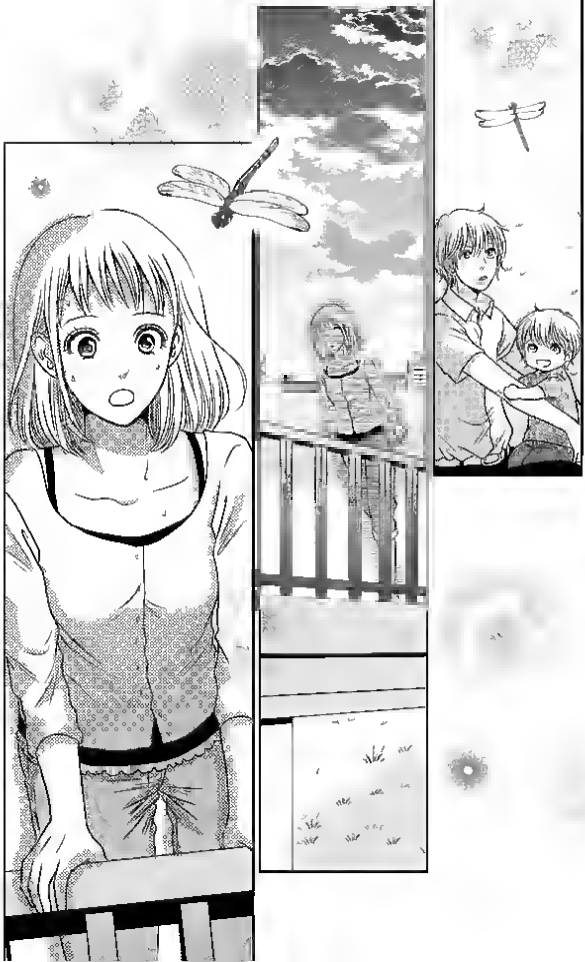

I USED TO HAVE AN ALLY, TOO.
HER NAME IS YUKIMI.
THAT'S BIG SIS!


...SO YOUR DAD,
DO YOU THINK HE LIKES BIG SIS?

THEY'RE FIGHTING ALL THE TIME
BUT THEN,
AFTER BIG SIS'S LEAVES, DADA SMILES A LOT
SHE'S A SCARY BIG SISTER, ISN'T SHE?
...SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.

HM?
AH!
SHHH.
OOPS!
IT GOT AWAY!

AND SMELLS NICE.
AND WARM,
SO SOFT,
TO SUCH A SMALL BEING, HOW COULD ONE JUST...
PAPA!
PAPA!



BIG SIS!
KAKERU?
.....
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
YOU'D NEVER DO SUCH A THING!
UMM...
KIDNAP-PING?
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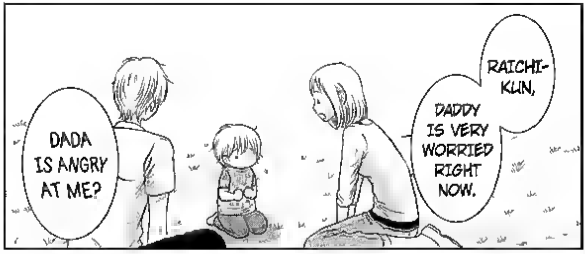
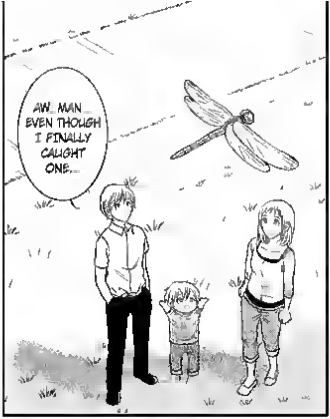

RAICHI-KUN,
DADDY IS VERY WORRIED RIGHT NOW.
DADA IS ANGRY AT ME?

WE NEED TO CALL YOUR .
...AH!!
I LEFT MY BAG WITH NAKAZAWA-KUN! I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!
ANYWAY, LET'S GO HOME, RAICHI-KUN.

...AH,
I CALIGHT ONE.


AW, MAN. EVEN THOUGH I FINALLY CAUGHT ONE...

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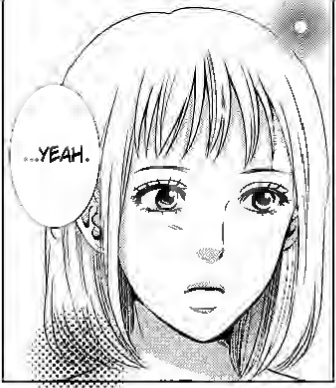
I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING
THAT DAY, WHEN WE CAME BACK WITH THOSE CATS AND WE MISTAKENLY THOUGHT THAT THE TEACHER WAS GOING TO THROW THEM AWAY,
DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU SPLASHED WATER AT HER?

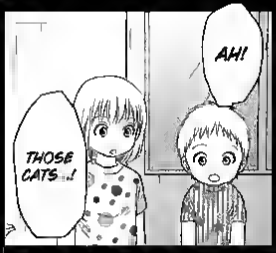
THE DRAGONFLY'S DADA IS PROBABLY WORRIED DON'TCHA THINK?

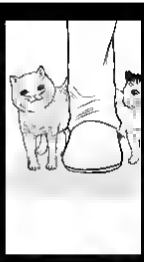
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

SAY, YUKI.


...YEAH.

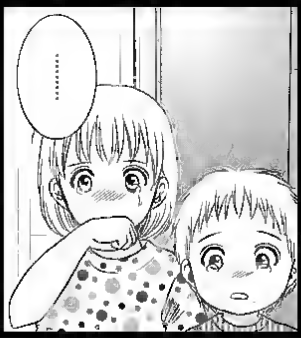
MM... YEAH...
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT TEACHER SAID AFTER THAT?


AH!
THOSE CATS...!



TEACHER...

ONE WAS ALREADY DEAD, SO I WAS GOING TO GO AND BURY IT LATER
I WAS WORRIED THAT THERE COULD BE OTHER CATS OUT THERE, SO I WENT TO HAVE A LOOK.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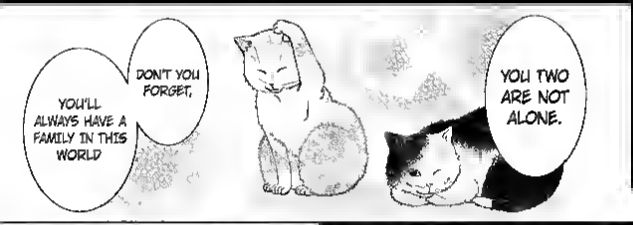
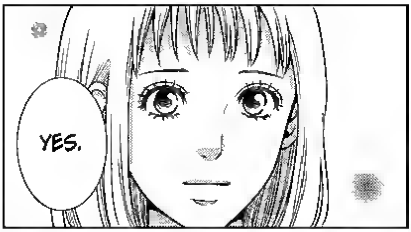
DID YOU REALLY THINK THAT I, THE ONE WHO'S RAISING YOU HERE,
WOULD HAVE THROWN OUT A LIFE THAT YOU CAREFULLY PICKED UP?


DON'T YOU FORGET,
YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE A FAMILY IN THIS WORLD
YOU TWO ARE NOT ALONE.

IF YOU GET BULLIED AT HOME, I'LL BEAT 'EM UP FOR YOU.
DON'T FORGET ABOUT ME, OKAY?

I'M SORRY...

"DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO YOU?"



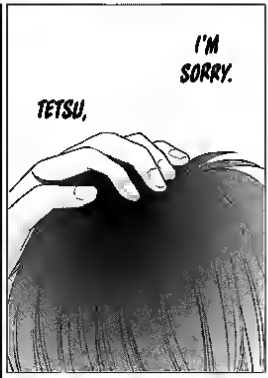
"YOU'D NEVER DO SUCH A THING!"

I KNEW
...THAT NOTHING WOULD HAPPEN BETWEEN US
STILL, I DON'T FEEL ANY REGRET, BECAUSE I WAS ABLE TO TELL YOU PROPERLY THAT I LOVED YOU.
I UNDER-STAND...
THAT YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH THAT GUY.
HUFF
HUFF
WHERE ARE YOU, RAICHI...?
RAICHI
RAICHI...
HUFF
HUFF

NAKAZAWA-KUN.
.....!!
I FORGOT MY CELL PHONE I'M SORRY THAT I COULDN'T CONTACT YOU SOONER
IT SEEMS HE WENT CATCHING DRAGONFLIES.
AND HE WAS SO TIRED THAT HE FELL ASLEEP

SACHI,
NO, NO...
SACHI.
TETSU,

PROTECT NIM,
PROTECT RAICHI, OKAY?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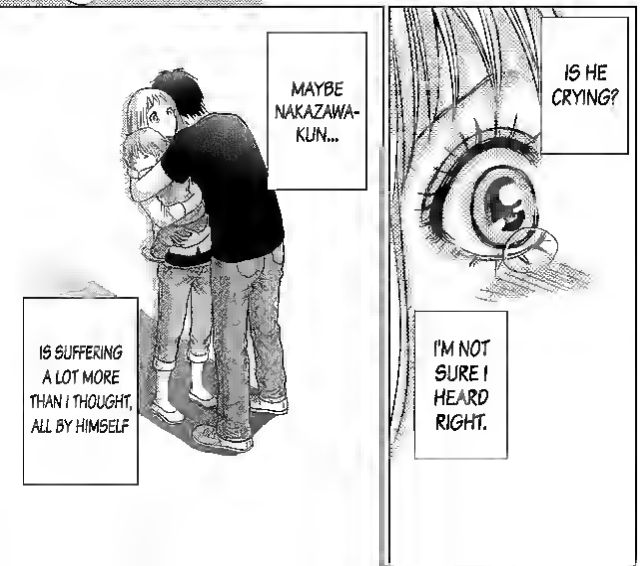
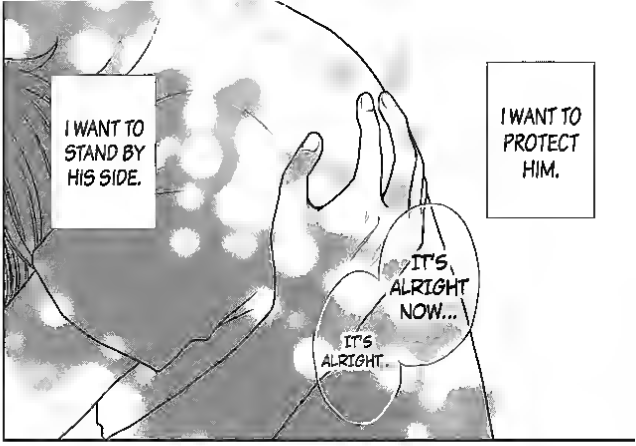
TETSU,

...HIC.
...NAKAZAWA-KUN...?


IS HE CRYING?
I'M NOT SURE I HEARD RIGHT.
MAYBE NAKAZAWA-KUN...
IS SUFFERING A LOT MORE THAN I THOUGHT, ALL BY HIMSELF



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CLEANER PLUMJUCIE
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QC PLUMJUCIE, SHADOWSLAYER

TRAVEL SAFELY